(c) whether a Court of Inquiry has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1 (the pilot).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Environmental Clearance Certificate for Irrigation Schemes

1130. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation schemes pending for want of Centre's environmental clearance certificates, State-wise break-up; and

(b) since when there are lying pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 11 Major Irrigation Schemes have been found techno-economically viable by the Central Water Commission are pending for want of environmental clearance certificates. The relevant information is given as under:

S.No.	Name of State/Project	Date of receipt in CWC
	UTTAR PRADESH :	
1	Raising of Meja Dam	February, 1974
	WEST BENGAL	
2	Subernarekha Barrage Project	June, 1981
3	Modernisation of Kangsabati Project	April 1983
	BIHAR:	
4	Upper Sakri Reservoir Scheme	April, 1978
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
5	Sri Ram Sagar Project	September, 1986
6	Srisailam Right Branch Canal Project	January, 1985
7	Jurala Irrigation Project	March, 1986
	KARNATAKA	
8	Karanja Irrigation Project	August, 1983
9	Upper Krishna Project State-I(revised)	November, 1985
	PUNJAB	
10	Lining of watar courses Punjab phase-II	August, 1982
11	Integrated project for development of water logged areas in south West districts of Punjab.	September, 1985.

Visit of Ministers to China

1131. SHRI SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Ministers from India visited China in 1987 and 1988;

(b) if so, the names of the Ministers and the date of their visits; and

(c) whether any other Minister, including the Prime Minister, proposes to visit China in 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the table of the House. (see below).

(c) The Prime Minister has accepted in principle an invitation to visit China. No dates have been set for the visit. The Minister of Steel and Mines has also accepted an invitation to visit China. The dates for this visit also remain to be finalised.